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# COMMUNITY UPDATES



**Keeping us together!**

## Introduction..

*As the number of Covid-19 cases continues to rise across the globe, stress and anxiety around the virus have risen right alongside them. Most working professionals spend a third of their time at work, and to have to adapt to sudden changes is extremely difficult for the mind, body and soul. The Bedfordshire and Luton Recovery College would like to support your Mental Well-Being during this uncertain time, keep everyone together and inform you of updates in this weekly newsletter.*

*For all Mental Health Helplines, please go to [www.nhs.uk/conditions/stress-anxiety-depression](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/stress-anxiety-depression) Or Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity has some amazing tips and help for you on this website: [www.yourwellbeingbedfordshire.org.uk](http://www.yourwellbeingbedfordshire.org.uk)*

## Updates in your area

### CLOSURES

- Citizens Advice Bureau closed - Please go to website [www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk) for information.
- All playgrounds closed. Including skateparks, Multi-Use Games Areas, and outdoor gym equipment.
- Outreach team on streets, prioritizing people with health conditions. Hostels and supported housing still continuing. At some point will close referrals.
- LAWC (Luton All Women's Centre) - All groups and activities suspended. Phone and E-mail only. Taking referrals. Email: [support@lawc.org.uk](mailto:support@lawc.org.uk) or call 01582 416783
- Carers Lounges at Bedford Hospital and L&D closed. Call support workers: 0300 1111919 9:30am-4:30pm. Email: [Contact@carersinbeds.org.uk](mailto:Contact@carersinbeds.org.uk)
- Carers in Bedfordshire- events, cafes and training suspended until further notice.
- All Libraries closed Virtual books available.

### IN THIS ISSUE

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## Make time daily for your Well-Being

# Self Love

15 WAYS TO PRACTICE

### MIND

1. Write yourself a letter
2. Make a list of 10 things you're grateful for
3. Make some flowers out of things around the house
4. Re-read your favourite book
5. Create a vision board for your dreams

### BODY

1. Do a 30 minute home workout
2. Take a long relaxing bubble bath
3. Try relaxing yoga
4. Nourish your body with a healthy home cooked meal
5. Get yourself up, showered and changed everyday

### SOUL

1. Create loving, positive affirmations for yourself
2. Slow down, be present and mindful
3. Make a list of 30 things you love about you
4. Unplug for the whole day from any tech
5. Meditate

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## LOCAL SUPPORT

- Most supermarkets running dedicated times for elderly, NHS staff and the vulnerable.  
[news.sky.com/story/coronavirus](https://news.sky.com/story/coronavirus)
- Bedford Rural Communities Charity: E-mail: [info@bedsrcc.org.uk](mailto:info@bedsrcc.org.uk) - 01234838771  
- [yourwellbeingbedfordshire.org.uk/self-isolating-need-something-to-do](https://yourwellbeingbedfordshire.org.uk/self-isolating-need-something-to-do)
- NOAH Homelessness day centre (Luton) 01582 728416  
8:15am - 3:45pm
- SMART Prebend Centre for the homeless (Bedford)  
Email [prebendesmartcjs.org.uk](mailto:prebendesmartcjs.org.uk) or call 01234 365955.  
8:30am - 1pm
- Directories: Luton- [www.luton.gov.uk](http://www.luton.gov.uk) - Central Beds [www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/directory](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/directory) - Bedfordshire - [www.bedford.gov.uk](http://www.bedford.gov.uk)
- MIND BLMK - Well-Being Calls - Call 0300 330648
- IDVA (Domestic Violence) - Call: 01234 763785 Email: [idva.luton@victimsupport.org.uk](mailto:idva.luton@victimsupport.org.uk) (Luton)  
[idva.bedfordshire@victimsupport.org.uk](mailto:idva.bedfordshire@victimsupport.org.uk) (Bedford)
- The Hope Programme continue to run telephone counselling - Call 0300 3561045
- Debt Advice Service - Call 01582 343699 (Luton)
- Debt advice (Bedford) Salvation Army [www.bedfordsalvationarmy.org.uk/debt-advice](http://www.bedfordsalvationarmy.org.uk/debt-advice)

## CRISIS INFO

- Age UK Bedfordshire: Call 01234 360510 - Email: [enquiries@ageukbedfordshire.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@ageukbedfordshire.org.uk)
- Age Concern Luton: E-mail [admin@ageconcernluton.org.uk](mailto:admin@ageconcernluton.org.uk) - Call: 01582 456 812
- Alzheimer's Society Helpline 0300 222 11 22 or 01582 470910 (Luton)
- Crisis Cafe running remotely - Tues- Fri- 5pm - 11pm  
Call 01525 722225
- Samaritans - Call 116 123 - Email: [Jo@samaritans.org](mailto:Jo@samaritans.org)
- National Domestic Abuse Helpline - 0808 2000247 or E-mail [BDAP@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:BDAP@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk)
- Foodbank- Luton- Please see website [lutonfoodbank.org.uk](http://lutonfoodbank.org.uk) - call 01582 211066 - Email: [emergencysupport@crisisaid.org.uk](mailto:emergencysupport@crisisaid.org.uk)- For Bedford E-mail [info@bedford.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@bedford.foodbank.org.uk) or call 01234 268569
- Citizens Advice Bureau - 0844 2451285 - [www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk)
- Salvation Army - Emergency support E-mail: [emergencysupport@crisisaid.org.uk](mailto:emergencysupport@crisisaid.org.uk) or call 01582 211066 (Luton) or 01234 217747 (Bedford)
- Bedfordshire Emergency Volunteers - Telephone Welfare Checks - Email [robert.labe37@ntlworld.com](mailto:robert.labe37@ntlworld.com)

## ELDERLY AND ISOLATION

- Ampt Hill Good Neighbours support - Call 07833 314903
- Email: [ampthillgn@gmail.com](mailto:ampthillgn@gmail.com) - Volunteering opportunities go to [www.ampthillgoodneighbours.info](http://www.ampthillgoodneighbours.info)
- Free food deliveries for Farley Hill residents. Weekdays 5:30pm-7pm - Call 01582 726562
- Free Dog Walking Service for 75+ in Biggleswade. Call Lewis (Collared Pet Services) 07976674165
- Befriending Service 24hr/365 for 65+ [www.thesilverline.org.uk](http://www.thesilverline.org.uk)
- Barton Food Deliveries - 01582 881302
- Bedford Council Community Hub for elderly, shopping, collecting prescriptions, have a chat - 01234 718101